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USDRIP / Riverway Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2009

1. Attendees:

Robin Rierdan, Frank Hilliker, Harold Hilliker, Steve Halfaker, Carl Stiehl, Matt Schneider, Ed Duling, Rick Smith, Maryanne Vancio, George Tockstein, Andy Parr, Thomas Medvitz, Bruce Robertson, Rick Lantis and Diana Perez.

2. Lakeside River Park Conservancy Financing Agreement, Board Letter

- The LRPC and SDRC met with county staff during the past month to discuss the two possible loans for \$890,000 that Robin presented before the USDRIP stakeholders on February 19, 2009. The Financing Agreement for the \$90,000 has been drafted and is being forwarded to Robin for review. The Board Letter is being drafted by DPLU staff and this item will be heard at the April 7, 2009 Board of Supervisors Hearing. The Board of Supervisors is the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency. The \$90,000 will be loaned out first, within a week after the Financing Agreement is signed. This money is already available to Robin once she shows receipts for the work to be reimbursed from the State and then in turn reimburse USDRIP.
- Robin says the SDRC is being told by the State not to enter into any additional agreements at this time for other funding. She said they are being told to tell nonprofits to enter into their own agreements with other agencies, such as USDRIP. She is in discussions with the State about accepting additional money. Frank asked how bad it could be for the LRPC. Robin says they are basically down to two full-timers. The basic jobs are to keep the plant life they planted alive and to keep paperwork in order.

3. Draft 5-Year Implementation Plan discussion

- No major comments were received with regard to the Draft 5-Year Implementation Plan. Comments with regard to the recreation opportunities and helping with site development were received, such as for a restaurant(s). With regard to both of these concerns, there are already existing programs in the 5-Year plan that cover these and provide encouragement.

4. Updates

- Active Projects
 - Silver Sage Affordable Housing has made a recent submittal, should be finished up soon.
 - Witherow Roofing, S08-017 was approved and is moving to the building permit/plans phase.
 - Driven Auto Sales, S06-023 was approved and has not yet submitted building plans.
- Keyser Marston – are working on the financials for USDRIP. We should have the draft financial report for review at the next meeting.

5. San Diego American Planning Association Nomination

Joe explained that the San Diego chapter of the American Planning Association put out a request for award nominations. Joe prepared a write-up with regard to USDRIP for an award from APA. This would be an award to DPLU as well as the stakeholders for all of the work in the past year to continue moving forward with the Redevelopment Area.

6. Other

There was some discussion of signs and having signs installed once the trail is completed as well as continuing to stay in contact with Caltrans to construct signs in the Caltrans right-of-way. Ed mentioned that the parking at the Lakeside Ballfields should be for the Little Leaguers first. Frank Mentioned the Farmer's Market and the Lakeside Chamber Mixer is tonight.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 16